



## Pairs Penning Rules (QWCHC)

- 1) A Team consists of two (2) Riders.
- 2) A rider may have a maximum of three (3) Runs.
- 3) A team combination may not run more than once per event.
- 4) All competitors **MUST** wear long sleeved, collared Western style shirts, Western Hat (No Caps), or an Australian approved standard riding helmet. Those who do not comply will not be permitted into the arena.
- 5) The team will start from the pen end of the arena.
- 6) When the hooves of the first horse cross the start/foul line, which will be designated by markings in the arena, the teams will start. The announcer will advise the team of their assigned beast by calling the assigned colour as randomly selected by the judge.
- 7) Each team has a 60 second time limit in which to cut their one assigned beast from the mob and pen it. A 30 second warning bell may be given prior to the end of the allotted time. The whistle will be blown to indicate the end of the teams run.
- 8) To call time, one of the riders must ride into the gateway of the pen with their arm raised, after the assigned beast has been penned. No more than the neck of the horse should enter the pen.
- 9) A team member may **NOT** enter the pen to extract any unassigned cattle before calling time. Any unassigned cattle can only be removed by riding to the rear of the pen and hunting them out. **You must not enter the pen at anytime.**
- 10) Time will not be accepted if time is called when there is any portion of a beast (cattle) on the pen side of the start/ foul line.  
If more than one beast with the same colour is on the pen side, the extra beast is classed as an unassigned beast and must be returned to the herd side before time is taken.
- 11) Time will not be accepted until the two riders and their horses are on the pen side of the start/foul line.
- 12) If there are any unassigned cattle in the pen when time is called, time will not be accepted.
- 13) If in the opinion of the judge or the committee any unnecessary roughness occurs, the judge will stop the run and the team will be disqualified.  
Roughness is considered to be but not limited to: A rider forces a beast to make contact with force into the arena fence or the pen. Hitting beasts' broadside under pressure: Knocking a beast down. Forcing a beast too hard into the mob.
- 14) Any more than five (5) head of cattle crossing the start/foul line into the pen end of the arena at any time will cause disqualification.
- 15) Once your beast of your assigned colour has crossed the start/foul line into the pen side of the arena. The team is 'Committed'. This means, if an assigned beast breaks away and crosses over the start/foul line, it cannot be retrieved. If a rider crosses back over the start/foul line once committed, the team will be disqualified.
- 16) No stock whips or riding crops will be permitted into the arena.
- 17) No head checks or rings or tie downs to be used in the arena. Reins must be of split type.



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18) For any disputes, the judge's decision is final.

Disqualifications and reruns given by the judge will be announced. The judge will give a reason why. Any further questions or disputes must be directed to the committee of QWCHC.

19) Un sportsman like behaviour by a team and/or rider will result in disqualification. Un sportsman like behaviour is defined as abuse of one's horse or cattle, use of foul language and disrespect towards the judge or another competitor, or any other conduct felt to be detrimental to the sport of Team Penning.

20) **Reruns:**

- **Escaping Animal** – if any animal leaves the arena either through or over the fence the team can either be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, given time on their remaining cattle, or be given a rerun depending on the judge decision.
- **Injured Animal** – The judge may call a rerun if, in their opinion, there is an injured animal in their assigned cattle.
- In the event of a mechanical or official error. The participating team shall get a rerun.

**If the run is stopped by the judge, clocks must be stopped, and a time recorded. A decision will be made at the end of the competition if a rerun is to be awarded. A rerun will not be given if there are placings with faster times. The judge's decision is FINAL.**

21) The fall of a horse and/or rider shall not eliminate the entry, however any attempt by a dismounted rider to work cattle before remounting will result in an automatic disqualification. Outside assistance for a dismounted rider will result in disqualification except at the request of the judge.

22) Herds of cattle will be changed depending upon the number of cattle in the herd. For example, if there are 21 cattle in the herd, it will be changed every 14 runs. When a herd is removed from the arena for any reason at all, a new mob of cattle will replace them.

23) Cattle will be identified using neck collars. A colour band approximately 200mm wide will be attached around the neck of the beast. Each collar may be made up of no more than two colours.

24) Suitable riding attire must be worn including long sleeved collared western style shirt, a western style hat (No Caps) or helmet. In the event that a rider's hat comes off during a run, this is not considered an infraction of the dress code.

25) All riders 17 years and under must wear a securely fastened AS3838 riding helmet while riding at any QWCHC event. Caps are not to be worn under helmets.

26) If one rider is unable to attend a substitute rider may ride in place of the nominated rider. Only 1 nominated sub rider may be used per person per team for eligibility in the buckle series.

27) All team members must be full financial members as of the beginning of round one to qualify for a buckle series. A substitute rider may be a day member.

28) The committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the program due to weather, competitor safety or animal welfare without notice.

29) No rider under the age of 18 years are to ride a stallion anywhere in the arena or the grounds.

30) Competitors suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted into the arena.